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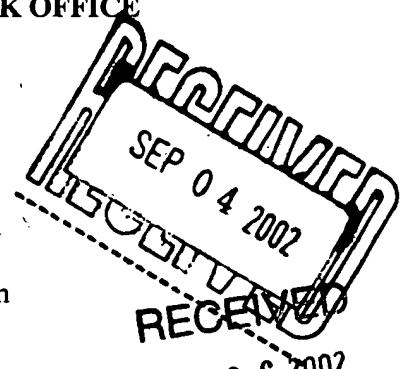
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 808 073, published November 19, 1997.
2. World Patent No. 96/28947, published September 19, 1996.
3. European Patent Application No. 0 868 060, published September 30, 1998.
4. C. Tamvaclis, "QOS Driven Routing in Packet Switched Networks of Multiple Transmission Media", Agard Conference Proceedings, Nato Unclassified, (October 4, 1993), pp. 2-1 to 2-8.
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,094,674 issued July 25, 2000.
6. European Patent Application No. 0 724 371, published July 31, 1996.
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,167,250 issued December 26, 2000.

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8. World Patent No. 99/48258, published September 23, 1999.
9. U.S. Patent No. 5,915,214 issued June 22, 1999.

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